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CITY EQUALIZERS TO KEEP RECORDS OF DEAL SESSIONS

Take Action to Compile Data of Executive Sessions Following Publication of Story of Failure

A daily record of proceedings by the city equalization board will be kept during executive sessions of the board. A daily record has not been kept during the days that preliminary work is being done on the personality assessment. This statement was made Friday by board members, following publication by The News-Semitar Thursday, which the law requiring the board to keep a record was cited together with statements from two members of the board in which they said no record was kept.

members of the board, went into a general discussion of the activities of the board Friday and pointed out the difficulties which have beset the board since their sessions began. Both agreed that they were serving the city as members of the board at great loss to themselves and that their work was done for the good of Memphis.

"The work we are doing now," Mr. Bailey said Friday, "is simply preliminary work, but when we go into executive session and act finally on the assessments which are being raised, action will be kept and at the conclusion of our work all the papers will be handed over to the proper authority and

No Distinction.

The city ordinance as quoted in *Hughes's* digest does not make any distinction between executive sessions and others. The wording is simple and, as quoted in *The News Scimitar Thursday*, says that the "board shall keep a daily record of its transactions and signs."

Throughout Friday morning taxpayers continued to appear before the board in answer to the official notices mailed several days ago. The board at this time is simply receiving the prop-

Just when these executive sessions will begin is a question at this time, Mr. Bailey declared Friday that several attempts had been made to hold executive sessions but that due to the large number of protesting taxpayers, the sessions were not feasible.

Mayor Paine, discussing the matter Friday, declared that the ordinance defining the regulations for the board could be changed by the city commission at will. Several changes have been made already, he said. The ordi-

The mayor expressed himself as being well pleased with the work that the board was doing and he laid stress upon the enormous amount of work that they have already done and that yet remains to be done. The primary object of the work, he said, was to equalize taxes that all classes of taxation would carry its pro rata of the total. In the past the realty has carried about 82 per cent of the total taxation and the mayor and members of the board say that this is more than

realty's pro rata.

**MISSISSIPPI MAN
SHOT IN FIGHT
MAY NOT RECOVER**

SENATOBIA, Miss., July 2. (Sp.)—Wallace Owens, farmer, living on the line between Tate and DeSoto counties, was shot and severely mortally wounded by his nearest neighbor, Wilber Syst, Wednesday.

Owens was shot four times with a revolver and was carried to St. Joseph's hospital, Memphis, where little hope is held out by physicians for his recovery.

Syst and Owens fell out over Syst's chickens having eaten a few of Owens' small watermelons. They are both

farmers living on adjoining hills. Owens went over to Syst's house and asked him to keep his chickens out of his watermelon patch, and a quarrel followed. It is said. Owens left for his home and had gotten about half way when Syst overtook him and began shooting. Owens was unarmed and the first shot killed him. According to his statement Syst stood over him shooting him three times more. Syst then came back to where he was lying and kicked him two or three times, believing him dead, he said.

It was two hours later before Owens was discovered and removed to his home. Two young men of the neigh-

hood arising being held by the officers, Owens having made the statement that one of the young men was hid on the roadside when he was shot by Syst.

THREE FATALLY HURT IN RAILROAD CLASH

MACON, Ga., July 9.—Three persons were fatally injured and eight were slightly hurt when a passenger train on the Southern railway and a fast

Engineer Kinney, of the passenger train, and his negro fireman, died shortly after the collision. Engineer Hester, of the freight train, died at a hospital here early today, of scalds. All survivors from Atlanta.

Railroad officials said the injured included several passengers who were badly shaken up, but that the list was not available here.

They expressed the opinion that the crew of the freight train failed to obey orders to go into a siding to let the passenger train pass.

ALABAMA WOMAN GETS TEN YEARS FOR ARSON

MOBILE, Ala., July 9.—When Mrs. Mamie Patrick was found guilty by a jury here today and sentenced to 10 years in the state penitentiary, it marked the first time that a woman has been convicted of a charge of arson in the state of Alabama. The trial ending today marked the third arraignment for the woman. The two former trials

guilted the mistrials. The indictment charged the woman with conspiracy to set fire to a house to collect insurance money. A son of the woman is now serving five years in the same case on entering a plea of guilty.

PITY SKEETER WHICH BITES THIS ARMY VET

RIDGEFIELD PARK, N. J., July 8. (By International News Service.)—Mosquitoes are dodging former County Clerk Charles F. Thompson, who conducts a drug store in this town, and threaten

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